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Editorially Speaking

Soldier of the Cross

One day last August a letter arrived at the *Glad Tidings Magazine* office from S. H. Robertson in San Jose. It was a request to print in the magazine a brief notice appealing to anyone in need of prayer for any reason to contact Brother Robertson. His promise was to go to prayer as soon as requests were received and that he prayed expecting God to answer.

Little did I realize then what would grow out of this humble note which was obviously written by the faltering hand of a man in his golden years.

The notice was printed and ran in three consecutive issues of the magazine. A number of people mentioned to me how much they appreciated this in *Glad Tidings*. Then, on the 10th of November, a letter came from Brother Robertson. I was thrilled to read his report of the many people from cities throughout the United States who had written requesting his prayers. Mail has been received from Fresno, Roseville, Modesto, Dinuba, San Jose, Delano, St. Helena, Point Arena, Oregon, Montana, as far away as New Jersey and Massachusetts. Over 20 people have contacted Brother Robertson for prayer.

Receiving the requests is only half the story. The rest can be told in the letters which are being written to Brother Robertson testifying that God is answering his faithful and effectual prayers. A lady who had been bedridden for some time responded with a letter of encouragement which told how she is now able to be up and about her house work as well as attend church. Others have told how their needs were met.

I am moved to think of an elderly man such as S. H. Robertson who has determined to have a ministry. How easily he could have retired and felt there was no longer any way in which he could be of usefulness to God. But not this soldier of the cross. Even now, in his reclining years, he is at the forefront of the battle.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



Top row, left to right, Jim Davidson, Janie Olson, Jan Macfarlane, Melvin Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Ruth Gerhart, George Effman, Walter Hanson, David Colbert and Walt Boring. Bottom row, Margaret Bond, Ruby Edgar, Jack R. Edgar, Joseph L. Gerhart, Ruben A. Wilson, and Goldia Anderson.

May Your Heart Be Glad

May your heart be gled with singing
Holy anthems — songs of peace;
May your soul be filled with raptures,
And with joys that never cease,
As you see the Christmas splendor
In the evening star that shines
O'er the mountains and the valleys,
O'er the cedar and the pines.
As you view the flaming sunset
Painting with its last bright ray,
All the western clouds with glory
At the dying of the day,

As you look upon the beauty
Of the holly berries red,
May you think of Him who suffered
Pain and sorrow in your stead.
May your heart be glad with singing
Songs the angel minstrels sing
In the presence of the Father,
In the throne-room of the King.
May your heart be filled with glory
And with heaven's holy light
That the shepherds saw in Judah
On that first glad Christmas night.

By W. B. McCAFFERTY

The Northern California and Nevada District

*With a wish of rich blessing at Christmas
here is a message of hope from the Superintendent*

CHRISTMAS FRUITS

by

Joseph L. Gerhart

*L*ittle Susan came to the church Christmas program because her friend, Darlene, had invited her, telling her that the church always gave each one present a big red apple and a juicy ripe orange. Susan loved good fruit so she was glad to join Darlene at the program. For the first time in her life, however, Susan heard the true Christmas story of how Christ, the Son of God, was born among men as the Saviour of the world. At the close of the program when an opportunity was given, little Susan went to the altar with Darlene and discovered the true and blessed fruits of Christmas when she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour.

It is always profitable for us to take time out of our busy lives to meditate upon the fruits of Christ's coming — the "why" of celebrating Christmas. Perhaps if we consider this "why" in the light of "what if Christ had not come," we will see very clearly depicted some of the Christmas fruits.

Mrs. Chas Cowman tells of a striking Christmas card which was published with the title, "If Christ Had Not Come." It was founded upon our Saviour's words, "If I had not come." The card represented a clergyman falling into a short sleep in his study on Christmas morning and dreaming of a world into which Jesus had never come.

In his dream he found himself look-

ing through his home, but there were no little stockings in the chimney corner, no Christmas bells or wreaths of holly and no Christ to comfort, gladden and save. He walked out on the street, but there was no church with its spire pointing to Heaven. He came back and sat down in his library, but every book about the Saviour had disappeared.

A ring at the doorbell, and a messenger asked him to visit a poor dying mother. He hastened with the weeping child and as he reached the home he sat down and said, "I have something here that will comfort you." He opened his Bible to look for a familiar promise, but it ended at Malachi, and there was no gospel and no promise of hope and salvation. He could only bow his head and weep with her in bitter despair.

Two days afterward he stood beside her coffin and conducted the glorious resurrection, no open Heaven. Only "dust to dust, ashes to ashes," and one long eternal farewell. He realized at length that "He had not come," and burst into tears and bitter weeping in his sorrowful dream.

Suddenly he awoke with a start and a great shout of joy and praise burst from his lips as he heard his choir singing in his church close by:

"O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:

Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."

Let us be glad and rejoice today because "He has come." And let us remember the annunciation of the angel, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The world around about us is so



1 Samuel 16:1

*G*od is waiting for well anointed workers who will get out and see that others, whom God has prepared, are also anointed with the holy oil of His Spirit. It is not primarily whether our sermons are correct, or our songs beautiful, but it is that we may bring the anointing of the Spirit down into a service until those who God is preparing are filled with His mighty Spirit. What a ministry of the Spirit this is!

First God spoke to Samuel, and pointed out to him how profitless it was to mourn over the dead past. "How long wilt thou mourn over Saul seeing I have rejected him." Do not mourn over what is past, God has a plan for action ahead. "Fill thine horn with oil, and go, I have provided me a king." Perhaps you are a Samuel, looking backwards. There is no strength in this. As we place our trust in Christ, the days ahead are days of victory.

God talked to Samuel's heart as he was still grieving over Saul, "How long wilt thou mourn over Saul?" Then added this word of prophecy, "I have provided me a King." Something good was ahead for Samuel, but first he had to stock up on fresh oil. Then he would be ready. We, too, must have an infilling of the Holy Spirit in order to fit completely into God's program.

For all of us two ways are open. Either looking back and mourning or looking ahead and receiving a fresh supply of oil for our own needs.

God's program moves on. God takes home a Moses, but he raises up a Joshua. He takes home an Elijah, but He raises up an Elisha. Saul may fail, so that God rejects him, but unknown to

much like little Susan before she found the true fruits of Christmas. Christmas is a great time of celebrating the abundance of temporal and physical fruits which are available. Happy days of family reunions, festivities and expressions of good will toward man. It is good and pleasant to see our neighbors and friends happy and gay through the holiday season. Yet it is tremendously sad to observe further and know that many are totally unaware of the true fruits of Christmas: joy, peace, comfort, salva-

tion, and the hope of eternal life.

Our hearts should be lifted in praise and gratitude because we have become partakers of these fruits through Jesus Christ the Savior, the babe of Bethlehem.

To know about Him is wonderful, but *not enough!* To know Him and then to make Him known is what is really important. To know Him as "Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." To know Him and to be filled with His Spirit so as to make Him

known by radiating His beauty and majesty to fruit seeking peoples of this earth. To know Him and to sing with the angelic host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Know Him and make Him known at this happy and blessed Christmas season. Share these fruits with your loved ones, friends, neighbors and peoples around the world. Partake heartily of the true and blessed fruits of Christmas and share these fruits with all who will receive.

funeral service, but there was no message of consolation, no word of a the weeping Samuel, God provides a little David. Samuel's part was to start out with oil. God will do His part.

It is good that Samuel's eyes had been cleansed with his tears that he might be able to see. His natural choice would have been the older sons. But God replied, "The Lord hath not chosen these." Then Samuel inquired, "Are here all thy children?" The answer was simply, "There remaineth yet the youngest. Behold He keepeth the sheep." God now spoke unmistakeably, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he!" Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren. The Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward."

What an encouragement to the least of us to observe that while the parents

had been grooming the elder sons for preferment, God had his eyes on the lonely lad out on the hills meditating, "Thou anointest my head with oil," and "I shall be anointed with fresh oil!" Now it was actually true, "When my Father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." Though the other boys cared nothing about being anointed with oil, David did.

David, moreover, took insulting words from his eldest brother, "Why hast thou come down hither? With whom has thou left those few sheep?" David also was humiliated by the giant Goliath who "disdained him." And "the Philistine cursed David." But to David this was all insignificant for he was able to say truthfully, "For thou art with me."

How about your horn? Is it filled with fresh oil? God knows where those

are who He wants anointed, even if we do not.

Years ago I was in a tent meeting in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. In the straw lay an eleven year old boy being filled with the Spirit. Perhaps most who were there might have overlooked that lad. But not so, God. Today he is in East Africa, a mighty missionary of the cross. Once in my very youngest ministry, on a Saturday night, a youth in Lethbridge, Alberta, sought the oil of the Spirit and was mightily filled. I remember he hammered the seat of the folding chair at which he knelt until the slats flew out. God's eye was upon that youth. He has had years of ministry in China, and now labours on behalf of other missionaries.

God is preparing His Davids. Fill up with oil and go. He will help you to find them.

FILL THINE HORN

by

Zelma Argue

God waits to fill you, so that you in turn will bless others.



by

Nathan H. Meleen

What Christmas Means to Me

The Christmas season is one of the happiest, gayest, and most colorful times of the year. It is the time of year when the heart of every person is softened by the lovely Christmas carols and the colorful decorations. Every house has its brilliantly decorated Christmas tree standing near the window with the base of the tree covered with many beautifully wrapped presents, gifts of love from the giver. Christmas carolers strain their voices to the tunes of "Silent Night," "The First Noel," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." The annual Sunday school Christmas program finds the church packed. The congregation sings familiar carols and listens to the children trying to remember their pieces, while the young fellows and gals just can't wait until those bags of delicious candy are given out. Christmas Eve, or Christmas morning (depending on family tradition), the presents are handed out and opened. Squeals of delight are heard from the young folks while poor old Dad just doesn't know what he's going to do with all those handkerchiefs, ties and socks. On Christmas Day all the relatives gather at one house and everyone seems to acquire a bad case of "Christmas dinner indigestion." Everyone is friendly and pleasant, and at the end of the day all agree that it

was a merry Christmas.

This is a brief description of a normal Christmas. It is easy for those at home to see and feel the joy, gladness, and spirit of the Christmas season. But what about those who aren't home for Christmas, the servicemen, those in hospitals, the missionaries, and those who are away from home for one reason or another? Can they have a joyful and merry Christmas? Let us try to answer this question by asking ourselves just why we celebrate Christmas each year.

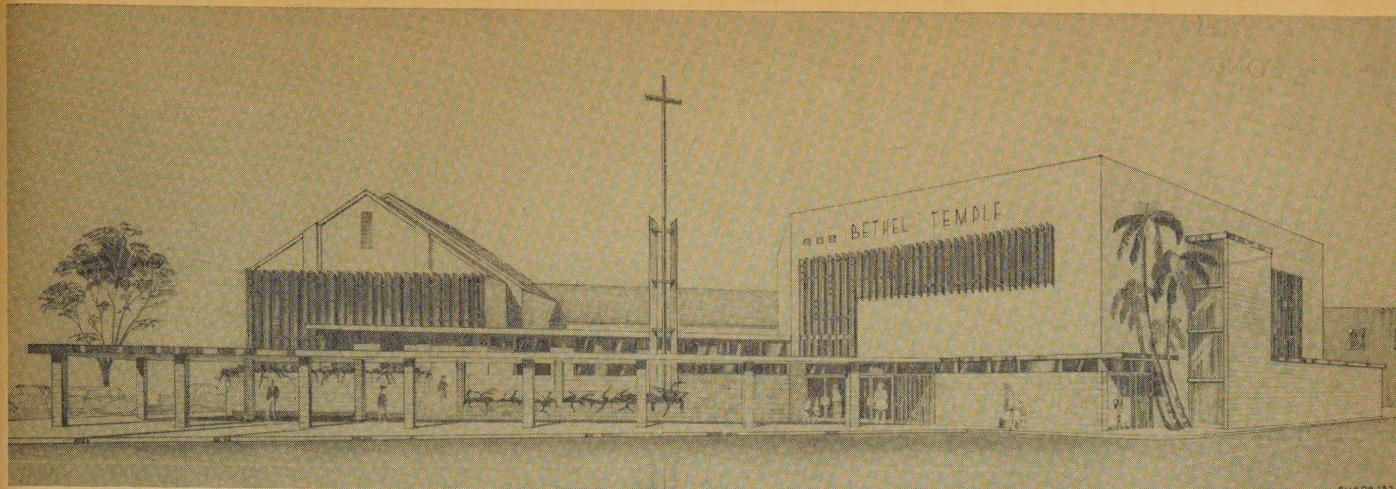
We celebrate February 12th in remembrance of the birthday of one of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln. We celebrate July 4th in remembrance of the day the United States of America declared their independence from Britain by signing the Declaration of Independence. December 25th, Christmas day, is the day that has been used for centuries to celebrate and honor the birth of the long promised Messiah and Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. But what is it that makes the story of Christ's birth bring joy, gladness, and tenderness into the hearts of people? What is the story of Christmas? I believe that the Christmas songs and carols we all love so well do an excellent job of telling this story.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" in the little town of Bethlehem that

"The Birthday of a King" took place in a lowly stable, because there was "No Room In the Inn." Out on the hillside nearby, shepherds watching their flocks by night heard an "Angel From the Realms of Glory" tell of the birth of the "Dear Little Stranger" and how that they could find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Yes, it was "Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head." The shepherds on the hillside listened with awe while a host of heavenly angels sang "glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men," a true "Hallelujah Chorus." Meanwhile, three kings from the Orient were following the "Star of the East" and coming to give presents of gold, frankincense, and myrrah to the "Little Baby Jesus." The shepherds left their flocks and hurried toward Bethlehem singing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King." The shepherds found the babe, just as the angel had said, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Oh, the beauty of that wonderful sight! There in the little town of Bethlehem, God gave the world the greatest gift of all time, His only Son. It was a "Wonderful birth to a manger He came, made in the likeness of man, to proclaim God's boundless love for a world sick with sin, pleading with sinners to let Him come in. Wonderful name He bears, wonderful crown He wears, wonderful blessings His triumphs afford; wonderful Calvary, wonderful grace for me, wonderful love of our wonderful Lord." Why did Christ come to earth that first Christmas day? Jesus, Himself, answers that question, for in John 10:10 He says, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This is the spirit of Christmas, the possession of the abundant life that is found only in Jesus Christ.

Can a hospital patient like myself find joy in Christmas? Most certainly! Whenever I see the sparkling color of red at Christmastime I am reminded of the precious blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on Calvary for my sins. Whenever I see Christmas decorations of crimson and white I think of the words in the book of Isaiah; "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." This is what Christmas means to me. Why don't you accept Christ too!



Turlock, Bethel Temple, Dedicates Building

Pastor Robert Carrington and the congregation of Bethel Temple in Turlock set aside the week of Nov. 8th to 15th for the dedication of their new building. Guest speaker for this occasion was Rev. Kenneth Haystead, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Portland, Oregon.

Each evening the services were highlighted with guests of honor, many of whom were former assistant pastors, and a variety of special music. This was in addition to the fine messages from the Word which were delivered by Brother Haystead.

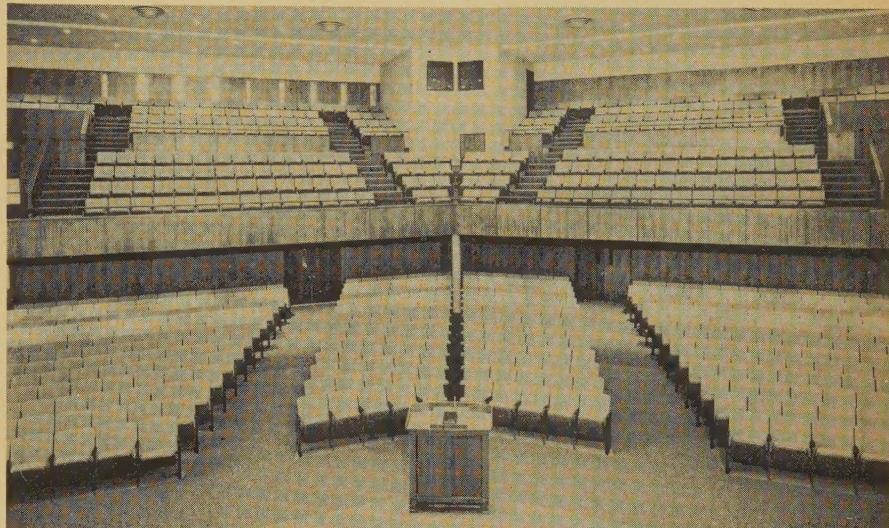
The official dedication was held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15th. Rev.



Present for the official dedication were, left to right, Joseph L. Gerhart, superintendent; Enoch Christoffersen, chairman of the Planning Committee; Kenneth M. Haystead, speaker; Robert Carrington, pastor; Perry Fraser, Church Board chairman; James W. B. Shade, architect, and Dwight Burchett, assistant pastor.

Joseph L. Gerhart, District superintendent, made the dedication and offered the dedicatory prayer.

That evening Revivaltime, the network broadcast of the Assemblies of God, was conducted from the sanctuary. C. M. Ward, Revivaltime speaker, and other program personnel were present. On this thrilling note a week of special dedication was concluded.



One thousand can comfortably be seated in the sanctuary. In this picture the main floor and balcony are viewed from the platform.



On the final night of the series of dedication services Revivaltime was broadcast. Pastor Carrington leads in a song just a few minutes before air time.

Bethel Temple was founded in 1915. A mission was built in 1917 on the very site that the modern new building now stands. Bethel Temple has a colorful and inspiring history.

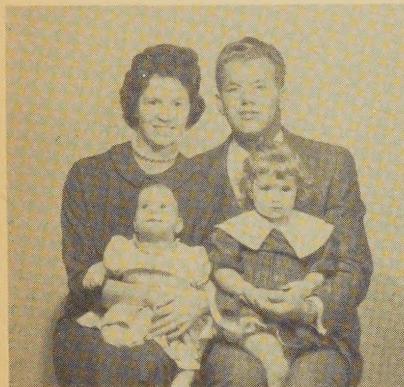
Pastor Carrington came to Turlock in April of 1947. In 1951 a Sunday school annex was constructed. Then in 1958 ground was broken for the new building.

PERSONAL MENTION

SHANG FONG CHANG a '59 graduate of Bethany Bible College writes of the progress in the city of Uenang, Malaya, but adds there has been stone throwing in the villages. Seven new converts have been baptised in the third baptismal service this year.

District Secretary JACK EDGAR was recently invited to the Santa Cruz First Congregational Church to speak to the young people on the origin, organization and tenets of faith of the Assemblies of God.

DAVID SCHMIDT and family have returned to Alaska. They are pastoring at Petersburg which is located on Mitkof Island. In this missionary effort they depend on pledged support from home to carry on their work. They are still in need of



more pledges. Brother Schmidt has ministered in Alaska in the past and is familiar with the needs of the country.

IRA VAN HOUTEN, former pastor of the Indian Church in Auburn, has been working with the Pueblo

Indians in Espanola, New Mexico. Mrs. Van Houten and their foster daughter Patricia Cunningham, a Maidu Indian girl from Greenville, are with him.

Chaplain HARRY WARWICK was elected President of the five-state Chaplain's organization at their convention in San Luis Obispo.

Pastor WESLEY STEELBERG of North Hollywood First Assembly reports a revival with Evangelist Tommy Barnett in October.

BORN TO

Norm and Mary Ann Campbell, Jeffrey Paul, Oct. 15 in Costa Rica.

ADOPTED

Pastor and Mrs. Earl Gould, Cynthia Kay, who was born Sept. 19.

Home Missions Rallies Planned

SPRINGFIELD, MO. — The Assemblies of God Home Missions Department is making extensive plans for 400 rallies to be held throughout the U. S. in 1960 to promote the opening of new churches.

Arrangements announced by the Rev. R. L. Brandt, national home missions secretary, call for meetings in all sections of the 44 church districts. Most districts follow state lines.

Included in the new year's goal is an attendance of 60,000 for the 400 rallies with contributions of \$60,000 to be used in assisting new churches. The slogan will be "60,000 in '60." Contributions made through the rallies will be added to the share-plan of the denomination's revolving fund
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FROM OUR CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VII. RELATIONSHIP

Section 1. This District Council shall recognize itself as an integral part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters as Springfield, Missouri, and shall recognize and be amenable to the said General Council. In the prosecution of the work in its prescribed field the District Council shall be expected to keep vigilant watch against any violation of the spiritual unity and cooperative fellowship to which the General Council fellowship is especially and unalterably dedicated.

Section 2. The local assemblies which are in fellowship with the District shall recognize their relation to the District Council as set forth in Article XI. (Local Assemblies).

ARTICLE VIII. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING CONSTITUENCY

Section 1. The membership of this Council shall consist of:

a. All ministers holding accredited fellowship certificates from the General Council, having their permanent residence within the territory of this District, and having their credentials registered with the District Secretary.

b. All licensed ministers holding accredited certificates from this District Council.

c. All sovereign assemblies which shall have received an official letter of recognition from the General Council Office in Springfield, Missouri. Such assemblies shall be entitled to representation by lay delegates at the District Council meetings.

Section 2. The voting constituency shall consist of all accredited members present and registered.

Section 3. The membership of the Northern California and Nevada District Council of the Assemblies of God as a religious body shall constitute its membership as a corporation established to conduct its business in legal matters.

Andersons Return

To Africa



The George B. Anderson family departed from New York on November 30 to return to Ghana, West Africa. They have been itinerating in the District for a number of months preparatory to leaving for Africa.

The Andersons are returning for their second term in Ghana. They first went out from 1950 to 1953. During their first term they were active in Bible school work.

With real anticipation, Brother and Sister Anderson have planned their return. The entire family of four children will also accompany their parents.

Shall we do our part in prayer and support for these fine missionaries as they return to the land of their calling.

Attend the 42nd

District Council

February 29 - March 4

Santa Cruz

General Superintendent

Thomas Zimmerman,

Speaker

Home Missions Rallies

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for "pioneer" churches.

Emphasis during the meetings will also be placed on the "Mother Church Plan" whereby established congregations are requested to begin new churches. The Home Missions Department is urging larger churches to open at least one branch work during 1960.

Currently the Assemblies of God has a \$200,000 fund used exclusively to assist "Pioneer" churches. However, requests for help far exceed funds, the Rev. Brandt has indicated.

Sections and districts will work toward individual goals in the 1960 program with each area assigned part of the 60,000 attendance and \$60,000 totals.

Let's Give Them A Home

Let's give the pioneers of our movement a home for Christmas!

It is a well known fact that the Assemblies of God Retirement Home in Pinellas Park, Florida, has outlived its usefulness and a larger and safer home must be provided for the aged ministers and missionaries who need our care. Pinellas Park Home is being sold and a new retirement home is under construction in Lakeland, Florida.

On December 29 the cornerstone will be laid. (This cornerstone will contain the name of every person who sends in an offering before that date.)

In February of 1960 the new home will be dedicated — our gift to those who have suffered hardship and deprivation to bring the glorious gospel message to us. Add joy to your own Christmas by giving a home — an offering for the erection of the Assemblies of God Retirement Home in Lakeland, Florida.

Offerings and requests for information concerning the purchase of memorial rooms should be addressed to:

Lakeland Retirement Home
Department of Benevolences
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield, Missouri.

SELFISHNESS

There is a foe of hidden power
The Christian well may fear,
More subtle far than outward sin,
And to the heart more dear.
It is the power of Selfishness,
The proud and willful "",
And ere my Lord can reign in me
My very self must die.

American Indian Fellowship Sees Much Progress



The above pictures were submitted by Rev. George Effman, president of the American Indian Fellowship. They show a small part of the great work which that organization is now doing. (Upper left) The partially constructed building at Woodford. There is a great need for this building in that area. Pauline Nelson is pastor. (Upper right) The present Table Mountain Indian Assembly of God Church. A new building is under construction. (Lower left) The McDermitt, Nevada church where George Forrest pastors. (Lower right) John McPherson, Manual Cordove and George Effman, A.I.F. directors. Soon there will be a monthly page in Glad Tidings Magazine for the A.I.F.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

CHURCH

Blue Lake

Covelo

Cotati

Fairfield

Monta Vista Christian
School A/G Church

OUT-GOING PASTOR

Virgil Hardman

Richard Jeffers

Charles Eddings

D. Edward Park

R. O. Price (deceased)

IN-COMING PASTOR

Richard Wood

Kenneth Roper

Mack Lancaster

Leonard Palmer

Paul Couchman Jr.

TRANSFERRED IN:

Daniel Bayliss (O)

Harold D. Champlin (O)

Mack Lancaster (O)

Desmond D. Nelson (O)

Paul C. Schock (O)

Martin Engebretson, Sr. (L) West Central

Raymond Shurance (L)

Francis F. White (CW)

FROM:

So. Calif.

Oregon

So. Calif.

So. Calif.

So. Calif.

West Central

So. Calif.

West Central

TRANSFERRED OUT:

Raymond Lockwood (O)

Earl K. McMilin (O)

Donald Grant (L)

Rolland Daniel Pokorney (L)

James William Clark (CW)

TO:

So. Calif.

So. Calif.

Oregon

So. Calif.

So. Calif.

News from Our Churches --

AUBURN —

Bethel Assembly unanimously voted to retain Pastor T. E. Fount for a three year term on the completion of his first year of service. The sanctuary is completed and plans are made for the construction of a parsonage.

CARMICHAEL —

Guest speakers and singers for Pastor L. W. Suter recently were missionary Harold S. Lehmann, John Pettigrew and the Gospelaires.

COVELO —

At the Lake-Mendocino Sectional Fellowship Meeting held in October a dedication of the church parsonage was held.

GUSTINE —

Pastor Eugene Fields began his ministry in Gustine in August, coming to Gustine from Olivet, Mich.

HAYWARD —

Evangelist Robert Fierro held meetings for Pastor James Swanson in October. Missionaries Robert Renfroe of Liberia and John Franklin of Guatemala were guest speakers in November.

JACKSON —

Pastor Julius Gilbert reports a revival with Evangelist Andy Fliflet. Guest speakers in Jackson include A. Breckenridge, Jack Colas, Robert Wilcox and Evelyn Barrick.

KERMAN —

Pastor A. H. Drake writes an appreciation for the ministry of numerous guests over a period of time. Included in this list are: Evangelist Eddie Kramer, J. L. Chandler, James Hosier, Claude Weaver, Howard Carter, F. J. Pepper, Paul Smith and Gordon Jaus. Harry Leacock held two Vacation Bible schools and Worker's Training Courses. C. D. Spencer and Wm. Kirkpatrick have also assisted.

LOS GATOS —

Evangelist Oran Duncan held meetings for Pastor Kelsey Prinzing in November.

OAKLAND —

Calvary Temple celebrated Homecoming Day Nov. 8 marking 12 years of pastoral ministry there by Pastor and Mrs. Oliver Foth. The annual Thanksgiving service of East Bay Assemblies was held in Calvary Nov. 25 with District Superintendent Joseph

Gerhart speaker. Music was furnished by Bethany Bible College Choir.

RICHMOND —

Full Gospel Temple enjoyed meetings with Evangelist Tommy Barnett in November. J. Boyd Wolverton is pastor.

ROSEVILLE —

Guest speakers for Pastor Robert Partle in October were Harriet Chittenden, E. Wm. Anderson and Harry Leacock. Bethany Bible College Waymakers were guest singers.

SALINAS —

Calvary Assembly heard David Schmidt of Alaska, Robert Fierro and Elizabeth Richardson of Soquel. Dave Colbert was speaker for the combined staffs of Alisal and Calvary at a Sunday school banquet. Ray Oliver is pastor.

SALINAS —

Alisal Assembly Pastor Joe Wright held a week of meetings for Pastor James Whertley in October with an exchange of pulpits on Sunday.

SAN BRUNO —

Missionaries James Bellmore and B.B.C. students Ray Keck and Richard Brown were recent speakers for Pastor A. U. Haun.

SAN JOSE —

Bethel Temple enjoyed the evangelistic ministry of their pastor L. R. Keys in a two-weeks revival in November. Pastor Keys is broadcasting on Sunday at 9:15 A. M. on station KEEN.

SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple had an exchange service with Full Gospel Temple of Richmond in November. Pastor J. Boyd Wolverton held a weeks meeting for Pastor Kermit Jeffrey at that time.

SANTA ROSA —

Evangelist Maydell Darden conducted revival meetings in September and Gerald Dorstin in November for Pastor Adrian Benning.

SOUTH MODESTO —

Evangelist V. H. Ray conducted a revival meeting for Pastor J. W. Sandlin in November.

SOUTH SACRAMENTO —

Pastor Roy Blakely of Modesto was speaker for the Capitol Section Teen Talent Contest at Glad Tidings in October. Gerald Baser is the pastor.

SUNNYVALE —

The Tanner Evangelistic Party held meetings for Pastor Ralph Hilligas in October.

TUOLUMNE —

Missionaries Riley and Flossie Kaufman were guest speakers recently for Pastor H. G. Davis.

TURLOCK —

Bethel Temple heard National C. A. Secretary Dick Fulmer recently. Other guest speakers were Missionary John Franklin and Pastor Gordon Swanson. Assistant pastor Dwight Burchett was guest speaker at a Sunday School staff meeting at Modesto, Bethel First Church. Robert Carrington is pastor.

VALLEJO —

First Assembly heard Missionary John Gottschalk in October. Evangelist Jack Holcomb was guest speaker Nov. 11-12. Noel Wilson, pastor's assistant to Eleanor Johnson of Berkeley has joined the staff at First Assembly as director of youth and music. Paul Trulin is pastor.

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Your Checkup is important; so if it hasn't been mailed — sent it today!

Christ's Example

Part One

by W. E. Scott, Ph. D.

Jesus Lived The Ideals He Taught



No teacher taught ideals more stringent in their demands than Jesus; and no teacher ever lived the ideals he taught more perfectly.

Jesus taught love, a love uncalculating and totally selfless in nature. He had the greatest love; He "laid down His life for His friends."

Jesus taught His pupils to forsake all and to follow God. He "had no place to lay His head;" His life consisted of going about to do the Will of the Father Who sent Him.

Jesus taught denial of self for the sake of others. He denied Himself the glories of heaven and the temptation for earthly kingdoms to bring salvation through the cross.

Jesus taught complete dedication to the will of God. He perfectly followed the Father's will, even, in His case, to the death on the cross. His culminating prayer in the Garden expressed the norm of His life, "not my will, but Thine."

The same could be said for every ideal that Jesus taught. He surpassed each pupil in performance. In short, He perfectly practiced that which He taught. In this example He gives Sunday School teachers one of their greatest challenges.

All will agree that we teach ideals to our pupils. Even the most unphilosophic thinker will see that such activities as faithfulness to church, stewardship to God of time and money, Bible reading and study, prayer, and love toward others represent ideals which all Sunday School workers teach.

The teaching of such ideals, though,

is not in the mere utterance of lessons. Success is gained only if pupils are actually moved toward expressing the ideal activities more and more in the LIVES. Teaching WHICH CHANGES LIVES will be teaching like that of Christ's. Such teaching goes beyond the mere description and telling of ideals to an example in the LIFE OF THE TEACHER.

It is easy to recognize that the teacher whose life contradicts the ideal taught cannot effectively change others toward those ideals. Indeed, that teacher will do more harm than good.

Teachers who are consistently absent from church will never produce church faithfulness in pupils. Likewise, teachers who sow contention, complain, or spread discord will not motivate pupils toward Christian love. So it is with every ideal. Pupils cannot help but doubt the value of an ideal taught when the teacher fails to practice that same ideal.

Jesus was so effective as a teacher precisely because His life perfectly demonstrated the ideals He taught. His classroom was not modern and His tools for teaching were simple; but no teacher ever surpassed Him in practice of ideals. He exemplified the old and instructive truth of teaching — "That which I do, that I impart!"

A Prayer

Lord Jesus, put any burden on me, only sustain me. Send me anywhere, only go with me. Sever any tie — but this tie which binds me to Thy service and Thy heart!



MISSIONARIES ABROAD

ALASKA —

Donel and Lorene Leach, Fairbanks, began a full gospel native work on Oct. 14 including both the Eskimos and Indians. Services are held in the Assembly of God church pastored by Ben Wilson, presbyter. The local church is not sponsoring this effort or operating it and the Leaches need support, food parcels and clothing.

CENTRAL AFRICA —

H. B. and Ruth Garlock, Nyasaland, write of their church dedication at Lilongwe. Bible Schools at Dedza



Preachers at a workers conference in Nyasaland.

and Mbeya were blessed with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Baptismal services have been held and three new mud and thatch churches were to be built before the rains set in.

CENTRAL AMERICA —

Arthur and Janie Lindvall, San Salvador, El Salvador, tell of the revival in Santa Ana. Two all-night prayer meetings were held on successive Saturday nights resulting in a number saved. The Sunday schools continue to show gain.

CENTRAL AMERICA —

Paul and Ileen Cooper, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, report 32 received the Holy Spirit in August. Their combined Sunday schools had 342 in attendance. A new church has been organized and another waits organization. Paul Cooper has been elected superintendent which adds to his present heavy schedule.

FORMOSA —

James and Margorie Baker, Taiwan Bible Institute, graduated eight stu-

dents this summer. The Formosan and Mandarin churches had three weeks of revival and the annual Pentecostal Conference followed during which Lester Carlsen of Springfield, Oregon ministered. Over 20 churches were represented. Many were filled with the Spirit.

WEST AFRICA —

Wheeler and Eileen Anderson, Tamale, Ghana, report joy in being again on the foreign field. Recently a Frafra man came for healing and was reached with the gospel.

WEST AFRICA —

Ralph and Velma Cobb, write of a student's wife's death and contrast



A picture of native children sent by the Cobbs.

the husband's hope in Christ with the pagan hopelessness. The Cobbs request prayer for more workers.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Herbert and Olga Felton, Buenos Aires, Argentina, write of the challenge there. The immense territory, great population and few workers calls for prayer and support.



Faith

"Tis better to walk by faith than sight
In this path of yours and mine;
And the pitch black night, when
there's no outer light,
Is the time for faith to shine.



Used for Blessing

C. ERNEST TATHAM

We have often heard of God's using a man, woman, or child in blessing, but who ever heard of His using a fly! And yet He did so. Those pesky creatures which are such a bane to the busy housewife, those potential germcarriers — could one of them ever be useful? Yes, our God, in His great wisdom, can make use of the smallest of things.

It happened in one of John Wesley's meetings, many years ago, in Dublin, Ireland.

An Irishman, who was quite opposed to the preaching, but very fond of music, determined to attend one of the Methodist meetings in order to hear the singing. He resolved, however, to stop his ears as soon as the first was over and until the next hymn was begun. He therefore sat after the hymn with his head down and his fingers in his ears. But when God wills to speak to a soul, He can make His voice heard even if He uses what may seem to us strange and contemptible means.

As the man sat there, a fly lit upon his nose. For a moment he removed his hand to drive it away, and in so doing, nine words only reached his ear. What were they? *He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.* From that moment this man, who was an ungodly tavernkeeper, had no rest in his soul. He went, afterwards, to seek out the message, listened eagerly to the Gospel, and became a converted man.

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Walt Boring, D-Cap

Fall Convention Successful

From every corner and section of the District C.A.s found their way to Turlock over the Thanksgiving vacation for one of the finest fall conventions yet. Every service and meeting was a highlight in itself. Especially noteworthy was the sincere spiritual interest and hunger of the C.A.s.

Both the Teen Talent Contest and the Choir-ama will be long remembered by many.

This year the convention featured three fine speakers; Dr. C. C. Burnett, John French and Richard DuBois.

The annual business meeting was also conducted. Among reports and various details, both Doug Farrington and Steve Asmuth were re-elected to their respective offices.

Here, on the rest of the C. A. page is the convention story in pictures. See you there next year!

C. A. Officers Banquets

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Dec. 4	Capitol
5	North San Joaquin
7	Central San Joaquin
8	South San Joaquin
11	Coast Counties
12	Peninsula
14	East Bay
15	Contra Costa
18	North Bay
19	Lake Mendocino
21	Redwood
22-24	Happy Camp
25	Shasta
26	Sacramento Valley
28	Lassen-Plumas
29	Nevada

Sectional director will notify you of location.

Horace Mann once remarked, "I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about the *Acts* of the apostles.

—Selected.



Photo (1) was taken in the beautiful foyer of the new Bethel Temple in Turlock where the convention was held. (2) The three officers, Walt Boring, Steve Asmuth and Doug Farrington, conducting the annual business meeting. Two of the three speakers are pictured with Walt Boring in photo (3). On the left Dr. C. C. Burnett, on the right Richard DuBois. Winners of the Teen Talent Contest are shown in picture; (4) Maxine Galbraith, vocal solo; (5) Joy Bells Trio, vocal group; (6) Sheila Pratt, instrumental solo; (7) Sheila Pratt and Martha Kercheval, instrumental group.

MISSIONARIES AT HOME

By MARGARET BOND

DANIELS, Elaine and Mrs. —

The Daniels are enjoying their itineration in the District. They are encouraged at the prospects of soon having enough pledged support raised to return to Uruguay early in the year.

GRANER, Lydia —

Sister Graner and her co-worker Miss Ginn have been visiting the churches of the San Joaquin sections.

HEADRICK, Harold —

"Greetings" to the Headricks who have recently returned from Hawaii.

KAUFMAN, Riley —

The Kaufmans have been delayed from going immediately to Okinawa because of some damage by the hurricane to the new transmitter that was being erected for the Far East Broadcasting Company.

LEHMANN, Harold —

The Lehmanns will be participating in a united missionary conference to be conducted by the East Palo Alto Community Church and the Christian Center Church of Palo Alto the last of November and first of December.

LUCE, Maurice —

"Welcome" to Brother Luce who has recently arrived from American Samoa. Mrs. Luce and Honeybelle have been home for some time.

NILSEN, Joseph —



We extend "Greetings" to the Nilsens who have just returned from Africa.

RENFROE, Robert —

The Renfroes have participated in several conventions since their arrival and are looking forward to the annual Bethany Bible College Missionary Convention the second week of December.

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There is a certain way to get our prayers answered — and that is, to find out clearly what the will of the Lord is — and then to ask Him to fulfill His will.

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—S. H. Robertson.

Dr. Cooke Visits Northern California



Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, for seven years General Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, became an Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches in the summer of 1955. He is Director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees. As Director of this Division, Dr. Cooke is in charge of a vast relief and resettlement program which operates in forty-five countries. In 1956, operating in behalf of many member churches, this division of the World Council resettled over 28,000 refugees in many parts of the world. Dr. Cooke, widely known as one of Great Britain's outstanding preachers as well as an administrator and writer, became General Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in 1948. In this capacity Dr. Cooke was the chief executive officer of the denomination responsible for the administration of 3250 churches.

Every heart without Christ is a mission field. Every heart with Christ is a missionary.

Men's Fellowship



WALT HANSON, President



Hanson, Ward End Alaska Tour

District Men's Fellowship president, Walt Hanson, returned recently from a three day soul winning campaign in Anchorage, Alaska. Rev. C. M. Ward was the speaker at this city-wide meeting.

The men were warmly received in the 49th state. Shortly after arriving they were taken to a banquet where delegates of the 30 participating churches gathered.

At the meetings, which were held in the beautiful new Civic Auditorium, a fine 70-voice choir supplied the music. Each night, at the conclusion of Brother Ward's message, many found their way forward to the altars for salvation. This was a thrilling sight, especially in a city of such great wickedness.

Pastors and leaders met each morning at 10:00 o'clock for a seminar which was made up of a lesson on soul winning by Walt Hanson and an address for pastors by C. M. Ward.

The encouraging report comes from Alaska that although the meetings have ended, the revival continues.

I WATCHED MY FATHER PRAY—

I've often watched my father pray;
It does me good to see the way
He lifts his head to God,
And on his face the very light
Of heaven seems to fall — so bright
It seals his eyes, but gives him grace
To speak to God as to His face.
He talks as if he knows Him well,
A friend to whom he longs to tell
His thoughts, then waits His word.
His mind is full of many things,
And to the heart of God he brings
His pain, his sorrows and his tears,
His hopes, his joys, his plans, his fears.
I do not think I've heard him ask
Material gain, but for the task
He has to do; he prays
For wisdom and humility
To do God's will implicitly.
He asks that God his sins condone,
And thanks for every mercy shown.
And then, before he ends his prayer,
He stops as if to listen there;
He bends and gently turns his head,
As if to hear what God has said.
Once more he lifts his head and then
He says "amen," and yet again
He softly says "amen."

—Mrs. Ray Matson.

San Francisco - Sacramento Win - a - Man Meetings Report

The two wonderful Win-a-Man Meetings which were held in San Francisco and Sacramento go into the record as successful soul wining ventures.

In the joint offorts over 30 men were won to Christ. In excess of 800 men attended these rallies. For the first of their kind ever held in our District the response was very fine. It is anticipated that this is just a small beginning of even more effective meetings of this kind in the future.

The Men's Fellowship officers trust that future rallies will be marked by a larger number of men bringing their unsaved friends. This is the heart of the Win-a-Man Meetings success.

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The attitude we hold towards those who wrong us is our spiritual thermometer.

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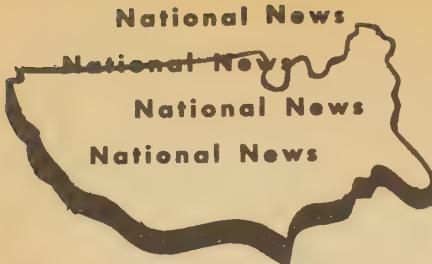
Rev. C. M. Ward, Revivaltime speaker and guest speaker at the Win-A-Man meetings in San Francisco and Sacramento, stands with Walt Hanson.



The group of men from all around the Bay area who met at Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco. It was an inspiring sight when, at the conclusion of the service, this group gathered at the altars.

Cling to the whole Bible, not a part of it. A man is not going to do much with a broken sword. —Moody.

As the diamond to the ring, so is grace to the soul.



National News

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NEW RETIREMENT HOME — The corner stone of the new Assemblies of God retirement home in Lakeland, Fla., will be laid Tuesday, December 29. Names of all churches and individuals who have given offerings for the erection of the home will be placed in the corner stone.

D-CAP'S MEETING — Plans for the 15th annual District C.A. President's conference, to be conducted in Springfield, February 22-25, 1960, have been announced. The program will feature five evaluation and study committees and reports, business sessions, and specialized presentations. A special sectional C.A. representatives' seminar is also being planned to be conducted simultaneously with the D-CAP conference.

EUROPEAN SERVICEMEN'S CONVENTION — Assemblies of God chaplains have announced an Assemblies of God Servicemen's Retreat to be held in Europe March 7-11, 1960. The retreat will be housed at the General Walker Hotel, a resort maintained by the U.S. Army for religious retreats and conventions, at Berchtesgaden, Germany. Military personnel and dependents stationed in Europe, Africa, or the Near East may attend. Specific information may be secured from the Servicemen's Division, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

BROADCAST TIME DOUBLED — Time allotted to Assemblies of God broadcasts over the Far East Broadcasting Station and beamed to India has been doubled. Twice a week programs are aired in Hindi and in English. Three hours each day on the FEBC schedule are devoted to evangelical broadcasting beamed to India.

NEW SECRETARY — The Rev. Hardy Steinberg, associate editor of church school literature for the past two years, is the newly appointed national secretary of the Education Department. The position also includes supervision of the Berean School of the Bible.

BIBLE COURSES FOR PRISONERS — During September and October, 2,389 free Bible study courses for prisoners were provided by the Home Missions Department. During the same period of time, 707 courses were completed and returned to Prison Chaplain Arvid Ohrnell to be graded. Two new courses are planned in the near future for the prison program.

Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,

And looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, "It shall be done!"

TOLERANCE

The most lovable quality that any human being can possess is tolerance. Tolerance is the vision that enables one to see things from another's point of view. It is the generosity that concedes to others the right to their own opinions and their own peculiarities. It is the bigness that enables us to let people be happy in their own way instead of our way.

"Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe." —St. Augustine.

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W.M.C. Activities

GOLDIA ANDERSON, President



CUBA - Land of Unrest

Central American Tour

by Alpha Henson

Viewing Cuba from the plane before one lands is a spectacular sight. It gives one the feeling of leisurely living on a lush island with a tropical atmosphere in a world sufficient within its self. One has the feeling *IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO BE HERE, BUT UPON LANDING THERE IS AN ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT FEELING.* There is much unrest throughout the island of Cuba. One has the feeling that every step might lead to a manhole and if there should be a step backward there might not be another forward move. However, I am quite sure this feeling could have been psychological as we were in Cuba immediately after the revolution and Castro's men, with their heavy beards and guns, stood on every corner in Havana. In fact, Goldia and I had the effrontery to have our pictures made with one of the most rugged looking ones and found him to be a fine and accommodating person, who showed great delight in having his picture made with us.

VISITING THE BIBLE SCHOOL

The Maceys, missionaries to Cuba, met us in Havana. They took us into some of the Curio shops where we made some purchases. Then we left to go seventy miles down the island to the Bible school where Floyd Woodworth, Jr. is president.

We met a wonderful faculty at the Bible school. Everything seemed to have the atmosphere of Latin custom, other than the faculty, and their order of living and operation was typically American. It was our privilege to speak in chapel. Goldia spoke briefly, but said so many challenging things in so little time. Her abil-

ity to do this impressed me throughout the tour and the response from the Latin young people was heart-warming. We visited the library which was well kept and used almost every hour of every day. The building was old and looked as though any minute the roof would come tumbling in. The faculty, however, already had plans for a new building. Of course the folks in the States figured in their plans for it will be up to us to help financially with their cause.

We visited in a native home and drank some of their very bitter strong coffee. They serve it only in demitasse cups. I suppose one would not dare drink a large cup of coffee because of its strength. I was not successful, even with the demitasse, but Goldia, the good sport that she was, downed hers without blinking an eye. We enjoyed the family in this native home. They were gracious and very hospitable.

HOMeward Bound

In the early morning before we left for the airport to leave for Miami, I heard outside our window the most beautiful singing and the strumming of ukuleles. I awakened Goldia and we learned it was not yet daylight. At that early hour those lovely Cuban girls were serenading us. I can still hear their beautiful voices, with a certain sadness, that has lingered in my memory all these months.

We arrived at the airport for our departure to Miami only to learn that our plane would be delayed. During our wait at the airport some humorous things happened to us. One incident was when we were taken by a Cuban woman into the ladies lounge and searched for deadly weap-

ons. The day before we arrived there had been a kidnapping. Two women had abducted a pilot and his plane and had gone on their merry way. Perhaps we looked suspicious, therefore we were thoroughly inspected. Castro's men stood well armed and ready in the event Goldia and I decided to run. We would have tried this perhaps had we known which direction to go to find our most beloved native land.

We arrived in Miami just at the close of day and stayed for a two day rest at the Sea Isle Hotel overlooking the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. We were in the good old U.S.A. again and how very glad we were.

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Sectional director will notify you of location.

Sectional C. E. P. Representative Appointed

According to announcement made by Rev. E. Wm. Anderson, District C.E.P. representative, the Rev. Carl Sturgeon, pastor in Auburn, has been appointed to the post of Sectional C.E.P. representative.

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THE MILITANT MINORITIES

In all the ages past a minority — a small and sometimes sorely-pressed minority — have clung to this God who failed not. Their faith in Him has not yet wavered and God has vindicated that faith. The early church faced the impossible, but not God.

Luther hadn't a chance, but for God. Wesley's movement was doomed to begin with, but for God. The revolution in colonial America faced sure disaster, but for God. Lincoln's string of defeats would have gone on to the end but for God.

And so now, in spite of barometers that denote the coming of storms no man can brook, some of us dare to trust in God.

Let those who believe in God be not afraid! —Robert P. Shuler.

Central America

(Continued from Page 17)

Someday we hope to retrace our steps in this most beautiful and fascinating land of Central America. A land of many strange and weird customs where people are less fortunate than those of us who live in this great United States. This nation where we are free of many diseases that people there are plagued with, where we enjoy a scale of living that not enjoyed in the rest of the world, where there is no poverty as we see in the many republics where we traveled.

It is good to be home, but if I had the privilege of making another trip I would choose to travel with our W.M.C. president. SHE IS THE GREATEST. Because of her fine attitude and loving kindness to every missionary I learned in my travels with her to have greater compassion for those who have left this country to go to other lands with the Gospel of Christ. The life of our W.M.C. president bears out the beautiful message of our Lord when He said to His disciples, "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS." Don't you think?

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Las Vegas, Trinity	74.00
Crescent City	59.40
Eureka 1st	54.00

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Denomination	Churches	Members	S.S. Enrollm't	Ordained Ministers
Assemblies of God	8,094	505,552	922,663	9,517
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	3,082	155,541	258,573	3,011
Church of God, Mountain Assembly	100	3,200	5,500	*
Congregational Holiness Church	145	4,121	7,200	138
Elim Missionary Assemblies	*	*	*	*
Free-Will Baptist of Pentecostal Faith	*	*	*	*
International Church of the Four-square Gospel	687	79,012	67,590	697
International Pentecostal Assemblies	43	5,000	5,736	40
Open Bible Standard Churches	263	26,000	28,000	391
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	651	*	54,975	*
Pentecostal Church of Christ	41	1,190	3,108	40
Pentecostal Holiness Church	1,203	49,594	107,309	1,077
	14,309	829,210	1,460,654	14,911

Notes: (1) * Figures not available for these areas.

Notes: (2) Information taken from church officials and from the 1960 Yearbook of American Churches.

November 16, 1959.

*Make Sure You Put God First,
in Everything . . .*

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose
mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in
thee.*
Isaiah 26:3.

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"For out of His fullness (abundance) we all receive . . . one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, and even favor upon favor and *gift heaped upon gift*." John 1:16 (Amp. V.)

As I was reading this Scripture, so beautifully expressed, the phrase "gift heaped upon gift," brought a familiar scene to my mind. Heaped up gifts will have a place in most American homes this Christmas. There will be gifts which are large and small, round and square, gifts of all sizes and shapes. These packages will bespeak many hours spent by the purchaser in making proper selection of the gift. There will be gifts purchased and presented for various reasons — gifts of love, gifts of reward, gifts of obligation, gifts of favor and gifts of courtesy.

Heaped up gifts are not uncommon for the average individual and neither are they strange to the Christian. It would not be difficult to identify many gifts which have been bestowed upon us through the love of Christ until we would have heaped gift upon gift into a great mountain of blessings. However, in examining these spiritual gifts we are made keenly aware that the true gift was Christ Himself, and because He freely gave Himself, He has become the fountain of fullness overflowing through whom all of God's gifts are made available to us. Christ, the Gift of God, has become the channel and the source and the giver of all the

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GIFT HEAPED UPON GIFT

by Ruth E. Gerhart

heaped up gifts provided and freely presented to the believer.

Even as Christ is the supreme Gift, so there is a sense in which we, too, may reach the ultimate in giving by *giving ourselves*. There are Christmas gifts for our loved ones and our children, which we may give, that will far outlast the ones we so carefully wrap in beautiful paper and tie with bright red ribbons. Gifts much more meaningful and important than those heaped under the Christmas tree to be opened by the light of the candles. They will last as long as the life of the one to whom given. They will be a heritage and legacy which become more valuable with the passing years.

Perhaps we should check our Christmas lists to see if we have included these priceless gifts.

To the people of my church, from your pastor: I will give the gift of understanding your problems, sympathy in your sorrows, interest in your well-being, godly counsel in times of perplexity, a Christ-like example in daily living, a sincere love for you, a deep concern for your spiritual welfare, a devotion to prayer and study of the Word.

To my wife, from her husband: I will give the gift of myself. Time to be spent together free from the pressures and problems of work and the home, time to sit hand in hand by a quiet stream and be refreshed and renewed by the wealth of our love and devotion to each other, time to be more than the man by whose side

she works so faithfully and willingly, time to be her husband and her companion. More than all other gifts which I could give my wife this Christmas, she would appreciate the gift of myself.

To my husband, from his wife: too will give the gift of myself. Time which is set apart just for each other, I will give more than time to be mother and housekeeper and helpmate, I will give my husband the gift which he will cherish above all others, the gift of myself.

To the children from dad and mother: We will give the gift of ourselves. Time set aside for fun and play, time to roam the hills together in search of wondrous treasures, time to stand with them under the canopy of the heavens on a clear, crisp winter's night and marvel at

Here Today

Edith Berven Eckblad

Falling gently as the snowflake,
Mid the hustle and the rush,
Christmas Eve steals in on tiptoe
With a quiet, holy hush.

Magically it opens heart-doors
As men wish each other well —
Til the world is for a moment
Caught within that Fragile Spell.
Softly, as a candle's flicker,
Warmth and calm pervade the earth.
Suddenly, the "bauble's" broken
In the din of New Year mirth.
Why should the world change
swiftly?

Do you suppose that it has been
Filled more with the "Christmas
spirit"

Than with the Spirit of Him?

stars — the handiwork of God, tried to be more than the man who lived in their house, corrects them and metes out punishment for wrongdoing. We will give them the gift of our example in spiritual and moral concepts of life. We will give them a faith to live by and the goals of purposeful living. We will give them love reassuring them that they mean a great deal to us. More lasting than all other gifts which we may give our children this Christmas, will be the gift of having a dad and a mom who take time to enjoy their boy and girl.

"Gift heaped upon gift!" That is the picture to which our minds have now returned. So, Christian friends and mothers, fathers and ministers, perhaps the greatest gift which we can give to our loved ones this Christmas is the gift of ourselves. Given freely and lovingly even Christ, the Saviour, gave Himself to all who will receive Him.





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